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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

September 21, 2006

Call to Order

Mary Megel, Vice-President, called the meeting of the Nebraska Board of Nursing to order at 8:04 a.m. on September 21, 2006, in the Rhoden Board Room, W.H. Thompson Alumni Center, 6705 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE. Copies of the agenda were sent to Board members and other interested persons, and posted.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Mary Megel, RN, Vice-President
Jacqueline Ross, RN, Secretary
Mary Bunger, RN
Joyce Bunger, public member
Julie Brauer, RN
Dawn Nickel, LPN
Crystal Higgins, RN
Nancy Gondringer, RN (arrived 10:10 a.m.)
Lori Smith, RN
Deanna Lloyd, LPN

The following members were absent:

Marcy Echternacht, RN, President
Sandra Mann, public member

A quorum of the Board was present and the meeting was convened. Also present from the Credentialing Division was Sheila Exstrom, RN, Nursing Education Consultant, Karen Bowen, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant and Ruth Schuldt, RN Compliance Monitor. Also present was Terri Nutzman, JD, Assistant Attorney General; Marletta Stark, RN, Peggy Persell, RN and Sharon Fitts, RN from the Investigation Division.

Review of Agenda

The board reviewed the agenda. It was noted that four persons the board was reviewing for initial licensure and one subject of an investigation plan to be present at the appropriate time during closed session

1. M. Bunger made the motion seconded by Lloyd **that the board adopt the agenda.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Gondringer, Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Review of the Consent Agenda

The board reviewed the consent agenda..

2. Lloyd made the motion seconded by M. Bunger **that the board adopt the consent agenda and approve the following:**

- D.1. August 17, 2006 Board of Nursing meeting minutes**
- D.2. August 17, 2006 Education Committee meeting minutes**
- D.3. August 17, 2006 Practice Committee meeting minutes with one change noted**
- 4.4 Disciplinary actions/dismissals since last meeting**
- 4.5 Probation monitoring update**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Gondringer, Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Closed Session

3. M. Bunger made the motion seconded by Nickel **that the board go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing investigation reports.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Gondringer, Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

9:00 a.m. Meeting recessed.

9:10 a.m. Meeting reconvened in closed session.

9:10 a.m. Megel left the meeting, Bunger assumed responsibility of meeting.

9:32 a.m. Megel returned.

9:45 a.m. Higgins left the meeting.
 10:09 a.m. Higgins returned.

10:10 a.m. Gondringer arrived.
 10:15 a.m. Persell and Fitts left the meeting.

10:30 a.m. Nutzman left the meeting.
 10:53 a.m. Nutzman returned.

10:53 a.m. Meeting recessed.
 11:03 a.m. Meeting reconvened in closed session.

11:35 a.m. Stark left the meeting.
 12:00 p.m. the board came into open session. Schuldt left the meeting.

Based on the discussions held in closed session the following motions were made:

Alicia Ridlen

4. J. Bunger made the motion seconded by Nickel **that the board grant Alicia Ridlen an unencumbered LPN license pending passage of the NCLEX-PN® examination.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Laci Brabec

5. Lloyd made the motion seconded by Gondringer **that the board grant Laci Brabec an unencumbered LPN license.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Michael Lapka

6. M. Bunger made the motion seconded by Smith **that the board recommend that department issue a Licensed Practical Nurse license to Michael Lapka on probation for two years with the following conditions: abstain from alcohol and controlled substances, provide verification from treating practitioner of all prescription medications, report all prescription medications, submit to random body fluid screens, comply with treatment recommendations, advise the**

Department of any professional counseling and submit reports, participate in two NA, AA, or other support group meeting each week, maintain active practice (minimum of 130 hrs per quarter), obtain a sponsor and the usual terms and conditions of probation.

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Jean Bohnenkemp

7. Brauer made the motion seconded by Lloyd **that the board recommend upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN® examination that the department issue a Registered Nurse license to Jean Bohnenkemp on probation for two years with the following conditions: abstain from alcohol and controlled substances, provide verification from treating practitioner of all prescription medications, report all prescription medications, submit to random body fluid screens, comply with treatment recommendations, advise the Department of any professional counseling and submit reports, participate in two NA, AA, or other support group meeting each week, maintain active practice (minimum of 130 hrs per quarter), obtain a sponsor and the usual terms and conditions of probation.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

April Yoder

8. Gondringer made the motion seconded by J. Bunger **that the board recommend reinstatement of April Yoder's RN license.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Katherine Barr

9. J. Bunger made the motion seconded by Ross **that the board recommend early termination of probation of Katherine Barr's LPN license, to be reinstated on unrestricted status.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

12:11 p.m. the board recessed for lunch

12:40 p.m. the board reconvened

Practice Committee Report

M. Bunger reported on behalf of the Practice Committee. The Committee presented the revised conscious sedation/analgesia advisory opinion. The board recommended combining number 1 and 2 under **Analgesia**, “The following are not considered within the scope of practice for an RN”. The committee will continue work on the opinion on the nurse’s responsibility to perform CPR at their next meeting. Additionally, they continue to review existing opinions.

10. The Practice Committee made the motion **that the Nebraska Board of Nursing approve the revised advisory opinion, Analgesia and Moderate Sedation with noted change.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Communication with other Organizations

The Nursing Leadership Coalition’s summit is scheduled for March 15, 2007. The Issues Forum is scheduled for November 17, 2006. The topic will be criminal background checks.

The board discussed an e-mail from NNA inviting organizations and schools to participate in the closing ceremonies of the centennial celebration by marching in the ceremony with the organization’s banner. Members discussed the cost of having a banner made. Gondringer will provide the members with information on costs and some possible designs. Most of the members thought it was a good idea to purchase a banner and participate in the centennial celebration.

Report on recent publications, consultation and speaking

Megel reported she would be doing the Level I presentation to the students.

Exstrom reported she had been to the committee chair orientation at NCSBN. She and Iris Winklehake (former board member) had also been to Hamilton College for a site visit.

Bowen reported she had done a presentation at the UNMC Faculty Practice Workshop.

Nursing News

The Nursing News will be about a week late this time.

Update on the Center for Nursing

An written update on the focus activities of the Center for Nursing was provided by Kelly. A survey is being conducted of nurses not renewing their licenses to determine the reasons for

not renewing. Ten loans have been allocated for the Faculty Loan Program. The CFN Board will be meeting next week.

Education Committee

Megel gave an overview of the recent activities of the Education Committee. The committee offered the following recommendations:

BryanLGH Baccalaureate Nursin Program

11. The Education Committee made the motion **that the Nebraska Board of Nursing approve the elective course NU 450 Expanded Concepts in the Nursing Care of Infants and Children as submitted by the BryanLGH College of Health Sciences BSN nursing program.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Western Nebraska Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program

12. The Education Committee made the motion **that the Nebraska Board of Nursing approve materials resubmitted from WNCC AND program including the courses ADRN-1110 Nursing Fundamentals (Theory), ADRN-1115 Nursing Fundamentals (lab/clinical), ADRN-1140 Medical Surgical Nursing I (Theory) and ADRN-1155 Medical Surgical Nursing II (lab/clinical) with the incorporation with the suggestions made.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

13. The Education Committee made the motion **that the Nebraska Board of Nursing approve the new courses Nursing of Adults I, Nursing of Adults II and Nursing of Adults III as submitted with the suggestion to assure that all course objectives are measurable. Anne Hippe left the committee.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Metropolitan Community College

14. The Education Committee made the motion **that the Nebraska Board of Nursing approve NURS 1110, Adult Nursing I, NURS 1120, Adult Nursing II, NURS**

1130, Adult Nursing III and NURS 1400, Family Nursing I as submitted by Metropolitan Community College PN program.

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Midland Lutheran College

15. The Education Committee made the motion **that the Nebraska Board of Nursing approve the deletion of Sociology 300, Marriage and the Family as a required support course for the BSN degree at Midland Lutheran College.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Creighton University

16. The Education Committee made the motion **that the Nebraska Board of Nursing approve Nursing 495N, Directed Independent Study: Genetics Across the Lifespan, a three semester credit course as submitted by the Creighton University School of Nursing.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Metropolitan Community College Practical Nursing Program

17. The Education Committee made the motion **that the Nebraska Board of Nursing accept the report of the site visit of Metropolitan Community College, PN program and grant continued approval of the program.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Annual Reports

18. The Education Committee made the motion **(1) that the Nebraska Board of Nursing accept the annual reports as submitted by Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences BSN Program, Creighton University BSN Program, Methodist College BSN Program, Midlands Lutheran College BSN Program and Union College BSN Program and grant continued approval of the programs. (2) accept**

the annual reports as submitted by Clarkson College BSN Program and the University of Nebraska Medical Center BSN Program and grant continued approval with the requirement that those faculty members who did not report progress toward an MSN during 2005 calendar year provide proof of being enrolled in and taking classes toward an MSN. These reports to be submitted by December 1, 2006.

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Other

19. The Education Committee made the motion **that the Nebraska Board of Nursing approve the changes to PNC 102 Practical Nursing II (removal of nutrition content) and corresponding reduction of hours from a six hour course to a four hour course and the addition of a new two hour course, PNC 142 Nutrition.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Financial Report

The board reviewed the budget status report dated 9/7/2006. It was noted an increase in fees may be necessary given the current budget status.

20. Gondringer made the motion seconded by J. Bunger **to transfer \$80,000 from the Board of Nursing to the Center for Nursing.**

Voting Aye: J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: M. Bunger. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

Legislation/Regulation Update

The board reviewed the Title 172 NAC Chapter 97 Regulations Governing the Approval of Nursing Education Programs and discussed comments from the public hearing.

21. Higgins made the motion seconded by Brauer **to go forward with the regulations noting the following: 97-012.06 change and/or to and, 97-007.02B retain as written, 97-006.01 retain as written which is consistent with the body of nursing literature.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, J. Bunger, Megel, Ross, Nickel, Brauer, Higgins, Lloyd, Gondringer, and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Echternacht and Mann. Motion carried.

National Council of State Boards of Nursing

Policy Call: The next policy call is scheduled for September 27, 2006.

Examination Committee: The first meeting of the Examination Committee will be in October.

Practice, Regulation and Education: The Committee is currently meeting. Echternacht is in attendance.

Bylaws: No report.

Practice Breakdown: The Practice Breakdown committee has finished their work. A new committee, the TERCAP Taskforce, has been formed for the next step, the rollout of the TERCAP tool. Bowen was appointed to this committee.

Annual Meeting: Gondringer reported on the Delegate Assembly activities. The motion was made and passed to refer the proposed revisions to the resolutions to the By Laws Committee for further consideration.

Next Meeting

The board discussed the complaint process and some of their concerns. They felt with the number of cases they review and the number of complaints that are received, it is important for them to have a monthly report of the cases that are not opened. It was expressed the board has a responsibility to know the complaints that are being filed and the complaints that are not opened. They requested that Michael Grutsch attend the next meeting to discuss concerns.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacqueline Ross".

Jacqueline Ross, Secretary